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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF

AFLG-PR

26 May 1998

MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Contracting Information Letter (CIL) 98-26

1. This CIL contains information on the following:
  - a. Suspension of Contract Management System,
  - b. Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement - Part 15,
  - c. Class Deviation to Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement 219.72 - Evaluation Preference for Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) Concerns in Construction Acquisitions (Test Program),
  - d. Distribution of Acquisition Regulations and Related Information, and
  - e. Delegation of Authority to Release Long-Range Acquisition Estimates.
2. Suspension to Contract Management System. Reference memo, AFLG-PR, 15 May 1998, SAB (encl 1). Pending a review and analysis of its long-term value, interoperability and/or need, implementation of the Contract Management System (CMS), also known as the Cost Benefit Tracking System (CBTS), is suspended immediately. For additional information, please contact Beverly Thomas at DSN 367-7284 or thomasb@forscom.army.mil.
3. Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement - Part 15. Reference memo, SARD-PP, 1 May 1998, SAB (encl 2). Effective immediately, Part 15 is deleted in its entirety from the AFARS.
4. Class Deviation to DFARS 219.72. Reference memo, SARD-PP, 15 May 1998, SAB (encl 3). This class deviation allows for compliance with AFARS 17.9004-2 (h). For additional information, please contact Alan Schantz at DSN 367-6227.
5. Distribution of Acquisition Regulations and Related Information. Reference memo, SARD-PP, 1 May 1998, SAB (encl 4).

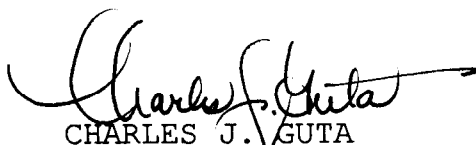
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In this memo, Mr. Conklin emphasizes his support for increased use and reliance on electronic data, specifically, the Defense Acquisition Deskbook (DAD), for updated versions of acquisition regulations and related information.

6. Delegation of Authority to Release Long-Range Acquisition Estimates. At enclosure 5 is the Delegation of Authority to Release Long-Range Acquisition Estimates hereby added to the FORSCOM FAR Supplement (FFARS), Appendix AAA. The Head of Contracting Activity (HCA) IAW Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (AFARS) has delegated to all FORSCOM Directors of Contracting and the Chief of the Army Atlanta Contracting Center the authority to release long-range acquisition estimates. If additional information is needed contact Sandra Bruner at DSN 367-6296.

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MEMORANDUM FOR FORSCOM Directorates of Contracting (DOC)

SUBJECT: Suspension of Contract Management System

1. Implementation of the Contract Management System (CMS), also known as the Cost Benefit Tracking System (CBTS), is suspended immediately, pending a review and analysis of its long-term value, interoperability and/or need. This decision is made in view of the planned November/December fielding of the Standard Procurement System (SPS) throughout Forces Command, and in the interest of avoiding duplication of effort and unnecessary workload. The SPS promises to provide numerous and marvelous capabilities which may provide all the information and functionality encompassed by the CMS. We will review and assess the SPS capabilities as soon as the system is made available to this office.

2. Pending SPS evaluation and analysis, we request that you leave the CMS application and the SAACONS extract procedure in place on your equipment. This office will continue to use aspects of the CMS to extract and compile data that do not require participation or intervention by local DOC personnel. Your support and cooperation throughout this initiative have been greatly appreciated.

3. For additional information, contact Ms. Beverly Thomas, DSN 367-7284; e-mail thomasb@forscom.army.mil.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

SUBJECT: Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement - Part 15

The recent rewrite of Part 15 - Contracting by Negotiation in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) has resulted in the obsolescence of the current Part 15 coverage in the Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (AFARS). Accordingly, effective immediately, Part 15 is deleted in its entirety from the AFARS. This change will be reflected in an upcoming formal change to the AFARS.

Should you have any questions regarding this subject, the point of contact in my office is Betty J. Wucher at Commercial 703-681-1042 or DSN 761-1042. Ms Wucher can also be contacted at the following e-mail address:  
[wucherb@sarda.army.mil](mailto:wucherb@sarda.army.mil).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John R. Conklin", is positioned above the printed name and title.

John R. Conklin, Director  
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SUBJECT: Class Deviation to Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) 219.72—Evaluation Preference for Small Disadvantaged Business (SDB) Concerns in Construction Acquisitions (Test Program)

DFARS 219.7202 requires an evaluation preference be applied in competitive acquisitions for construction. DFARS 219.7203 states that "solicitations that require bonding shall require offerors to separately state bond costs in the offer" and if the successful offeror is not an SDB concern, offers will be evaluated excluding bond costs. If, after excluding bond costs, the apparently successful offeror is an SDB concern, bond costs will be added back to all offers, and offers from SDB concerns will be given a preference in evaluation by adding a factor of 10 percent to the total price of all non-SDB offers.

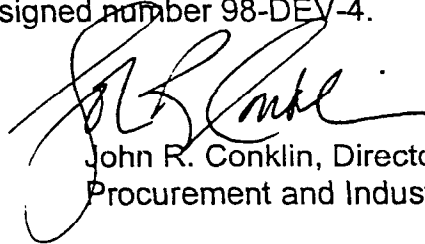
Job Order Contract (JOC) solicitations and contracts issued in accordance with Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (AFARS) 17.9004-2(h) require that "all costs associated with bonding (specifically including bond premium) shall be included in the coefficient". The coefficient is a numerical factor that represents costs (generally indirect costs) not considered to be included in "Unit Price Book" unit prices. The coefficient proposed by the contractor is multiplied by the Government-established unit prices in the Unit Price Book to price a job or project on individual orders.

The coefficient is used to bid Job Order Contracts and bond costs are indistinguishable from other costs included in the coefficient. I therefore grant authority to deviate from the requirements of DFARS 219.72 when JOC procedures in AFARS 17.9004 apply.

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This deviation authority is granted pursuant to Director of Defense Procurement memorandum dated September 30, 1997, Subject: Extension of Test—Waiver Authority. This authority shall remain in effect until May 10, 2000, and is assigned number 98-DEV-4.



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SUBJECT: Distribution of Acquisition Regulations and Related Information


Significant progress has been and continues to be made in our efforts to provide acquisition information to the acquisition workforce in a more timely and streamlined fashion and further advances in technology have brought a seemingly endless cache of information which is available at the touch of a button. Alternatively, paper copies of acquisition information are both time consuming and expensive to print and distribute, and the information is often out of date before it reaches the intended audience.

In keeping with the Assistant Secretary of the Army, Research, Development, and Acquisition Memorandum, dated 10 Nov 97, Subject: Designating the Defense Acquisition Deskbook as SARDA Information Reference Repository, I support increased use of and reliance on electronic data, specifically, the Defense Acquisition Deskbook (DAD). The DAD is an excellent source of information for use by acquisition professionals. It contains updated versions of the Federal Acquisition Regulation, Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation, and Army Federal Acquisition Regulation with their respective changes. These are only a few of the documents currently available in DAD. The DAD also contains information from all of the services and many DoD agencies and can effectively be used as an acquisition information-sharing database. Additional Army specific items will be added in the near future, promising to make DAD the primary information source for today's Army acquisition professional.

Effective 1 October 1998, my office will no longer centrally fund printing and distribution of the FAR, DFARS, and AFARS.

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I encourage every member of the acquisition workforce to become thoroughly familiar with and comfortable using the DAD. I believe all will be pleased, as I have been, with the quality of the electronic documents and with the timely availability of information.



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14 May 1998

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY TO RELEASE  
LONG-RANGE ACQUISITION ESTIMATES**

1. Pursuant to Army Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (AFARS) 5.404-1, as the Forces Command (FORSCOM) Head of the Contracting Activity (HCA), I hereby delegate to all FORSCOM Directors of Contracting and the Chief of the Army Atlanta Contracting Center the authority to release long-range acquisition estimates. This authority may not be further redelegated.
2. The information to be released shall follow the guidelines in the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) part 5.404-1. The information to be released will be general in nature and include only information that shall assist prospective bidders/offerors in long-range business planning. Specific quantities or related details on final requirements, procurement sensitive information, and dollar amounts are NOT to be included in the documents released.
3. Nothing in the release shall risk granting any particular source an unfair competitive advantage in future acquisitions.
4. This delegation is effective immediately and will remain in effect until changed or rescinded.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Bramlett", is positioned above the printed name.

**DAVID A. BRAMLETT**  
**General, USA**  
**Commanding**